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of Applicant: J. Blake Scott

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MAIL STOP — AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE EXAMINER'S ACTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

I <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

Applicant's Amendment and Response is to an United States Patent and Trademark Office Examiner's Action dated February 17, 2005. In the Action, the examiner set a shortened statutory period for Applicant to respond of three months from the mailing date of the Action, *i.e.*, by May 17, 2005. Accordingly, Applicant's Amendment and Response is timely as it is filed on May 17, 2005, with a Certificate of Mailing under 37 CFR § 1.8.